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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT: Draft Report of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence,
"The National Intelligence Estimates - B Team Episode
Concerning Soviet Strategic Capabilities and Objectives"

1. Action Requested: Your approval of the attached letter to Senator Stevenson, Chairman, Subcommittee on Collection, Production and Quality, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, commenting on the subject report.

2. Background:

a. The proposed reply to Senator Stevenson (1) points out that studies are underway intended to improve the national estimating process, (2) identifies recommendations in the Subcommittee report with which the DCI agrees, (3) suggests three areas where the report might be improved, and (4) forwards comments from those responsible for preparing NIE 11-3/8-76 on the accuracy of the report and on its findings.

b. I plan to meet with Senator Stevenson on May 11, 1977 to discuss the preparation of national intelligence and the Subcommittee report.

3. Staff Action: The draft letter has been coordinated with the DDI, the NIO/SP, the NIO/USSR-EE and the OLC.

4. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter to Senator Stevenson. 25X1

[Redacted Signature]

Robert R. Bowie

Attachment

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